

Remarks

Claims 1-28 are pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 10, 21, 25, and 28 have been amended and claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11-20, 22-24, 26, and 27 have been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 1, 7, 10, 21, 25, and 28 will be before the Examiner. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

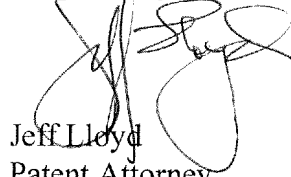
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the examiner's indication in the latest Office Action that claims 6, 7, 11, 27, and 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As a matter of convenience, rather than rewriting claim 6 in independent form, claim 1 is amended herein to incorporate all limitations of claims 5 and 6. Accordingly, claim 1 should now be allowable. Claim 7 remains unchanged, depending from claim 1, and which also should be allowable. Similarly, rather than amending claim 11, claim 10 has been amended to incorporate all limitations of claim 11, and thus should be allowable. In the same way, rather than rewriting claim 27 in independent form, claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 23 and 27, and thus should be allowable. Claim 25 has been amended to depend from claim 21, and thus should be allowable. Finally, claim 28 has been amended to depend from claim 21, and should also be allowable.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments to the claims, Applicants believe that the claims as currently pending are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

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